

5125. Misbranding of "Hemogenas Pills." U. S. * * * v. Sharp & Dohme, a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$10. (F. & D. No. 7413 I. S. No. 4714-k.)

On July 17, 1916, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Sharp & Dohme, a corporation, doing business in New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act as amended, on October 24, 1914, from the State of New York into the island of Porto Rico, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Hemogenas Pills * * *" which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed these pills to be composed essentially of reduced iron, a small amount of an unidentified alkaloid, an emodin-bearing drug, and phosphorus compounds; rhubarb indicated; strychnine absent.

It was charged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded in that certain statements on its label and included in the circular or pamphlet accompanying it falsely and fraudulently represented it as effective for purifying the blood and as a remedy for general debility, in consequence of exhaustion, palpitations of the heart, headaches, deafness, noise in the ears, seasickness, failing of the menstrual period of women, swellings, poor nutrition, and pimples, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On November 8, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$10.

CARL VROOMAN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.